

Chairman Kilmer, I've enjoyed working with you on the super committee to reform our budget and appropriations process and ranking member Timmons thanks for the opportunity. Derek, you know as well as anybody how broken the budget and appropriations process is. And no matter what good people, no matter what inputs that are positive or productive, the process is so fundamentally broken the outcome continues to be a bad outcome for the American people and I wish that we played by the same rules as everyone else. The state governments have to balance their budgets. American people at every income level in every walk of life have to live within their means, but we just don't and guys I'm afraid that this is what's going to get our country in the end. There are lots of threats. There are lots of challenges. We have to work together better, both sides do. But the sovereign debt crisis or financial crisis in some form because we don't have the incentives that will force us to do that the things that we don't do on our own account and our own accord. This body politic is just not wired to make tough choices so we have to have incentives that force us and let me say this, and, to the Chairman, and my democratic colleagues, this is not a Democrat problem this is a this is a Congress, institutional problem. Both sides have waived pay goes and cut goes. Republicans have blown through spending caps. We've waived every point of budget point of order that we have that has the appearance of self-discipline, but it is just so easily tossed aside, very little regular order, almost no transparency. I mean no budget, no recess, budget targets will decline slope down to something reasonable with some penalty if you don't. No unauthorized spending I mean nobody would spend money on something until they knew if it was working and meeting the desired outcomes. All of this to say: help us good lord to have the courage and the goodness of our hearts to work as Democrats and Republicans to fix this process. I could go on but you all know it is bad. I mean you know it as well as I do and we have to have the political will together to do something about it: make it harder for us on both sides. Without that pain and without that incentive we're going to spend ourselves into oblivion and truly we will do the biggest disservice to the next generation for the first time in the history of our country I don't want to be a part of that. And I know Derek doesn't and I know you all don't. So, there's a list of budget reforms Scott Peterson and I have a bipartisan thirty for thirty: thirty Democrats, thirty Republicans all focused on this and I know Derek is a champion for this as is William Timmons. Please consider these things and let's start taking this down a different direction, the right direction, for the sake of our children and let's do it together. Let's feel the pain together. Let's be accountable together. I know some of the ones on this call on this zoom, starting with Derek and William. We can do this. Our generation can do this. So let's go, thanks for your time, and I'll get you for the record mister chairman the list of reforms that are bipartisan that were part of the consideration of thirty for thirty and I thank you for your time and up for the opportunities to speak. This modernization: we got to do a lot on health care costs, we've got to do some things on security, and many, many important issues. The most important issue is what you're working on and that is to reform Congress so that it works for the people. God bless and I look forward to seeing you guys around.